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## HOUSE BILL No. 1036

DIGEST OF HB 1036 (Updated January 23, 2008 3:15 pm - DI 97)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13; IC 9-25; IC 9-30.

**Synopsis:** Uninsured motorists. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) to establish a registry of previously uninsured motorists for random, periodic verification by the bureau of financial responsibility compliance. Requires the bureau to adopt rules to make specifications for and implement the registry. Makes a failure of a previously uninsured motorist to respond to a bureau request for verification prima facie evidence of a financial responsibility violation. Provides for removal of names from the registry. Makes technical changes with regard to the definition of "moving traffic offense".

**Effective:** July 1, 2008.

**Ulmer, Fry, Ripley**

January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance.  
January 24, 2008, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-110 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 110. "Moving traffic  
3       offense" ~~for purposes of IC 9-25-9-1 and IC 9-30-3-14, has the meaning~~  
4       ~~set forth in IC 9-30-3-14(a).~~ **means a violation of a statute, an**  
5       **ordinance, or a rule relating to the operation or use of motor**  
6       **vehicles while the motor vehicle is in motion.**

7       SECTION 2. IC 9-25-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
8       A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
9       1, 2008]:

10       **Chapter 10. Previously Uninsured Motorist Registry**

11       **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "conviction" refers to a**  
12       **conviction for operating a motor vehicle without financial**  
13       **responsibility in violation of IC 9-25.**

14       **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "previously uninsured motorist"**  
15       **refers to a person:**

- 16               **(1) against whom a judgment is entered for; or**  
17               **(2) who is convicted of;**

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operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility in violation of IC 9-25 after June 30, 2008.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "registry" refers to the electronic registry of previously uninsured motorist established under section 4 of this chapter.

Sec. 4. The bureau shall establish an electronic registry of previously uninsured motorists to facilitate the random and periodic verification by the bureau of compliance with IC 9-25.

Sec. 5. The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter. Rules adopted under this section must do the following:

(1) Establish the method of random selection of names of previously uninsured motorists from the registry.

(2) Establish the methods by which the bureau may request evidence of financial responsibility from a previously uninsured motorist whose name was randomly selected from the registry.

(3) Establish the methods by which a previously uninsured motorist may respond to the bureau's request for evidence of financial responsibility.

(4) Establish a schedule for the entry, updating, and timely removal of names on or from the registry.

Sec. 6. The failure by a previously uninsured motorist to respond to the bureau's request for verification of financial responsibility under this chapter constitutes prima facie evidence of operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility in violation of IC 9-25.

Sec. 7. (a) The bureau shall remove the name of a previously uninsured motorist from the registry not more than five (5) years after the date on which the conviction for which the motorist's name is maintained on the registry was entered against the motorist.

(b) If a previously uninsured motorist is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under IC 9-25, the bureau shall remove the motorist's name from the registry not more than five (5) years after the date on which the second or subsequent conviction is entered.

SECTION 3. IC 9-30-3-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 12. (a) If during any twelve (12) month period a person has committed moving traffic violations for which the person has:

(1) been convicted of at least two (2) traffic misdemeanors;

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(2) had at least two (2) traffic judgments entered against the person; or

(3) been convicted of at least one (1) traffic misdemeanor and has had at least one (1) traffic judgment entered against the person; the bureau may require the person to attend and satisfactorily complete a defensive driving school program. The person shall pay all applicable fees required by the bureau.

(b) This subsection applies to an individual who holds a probationary license under IC 9-24-11-3 or is less than eighteen (18) years of age. An individual is required to attend and satisfactorily complete a defensive driving school program if either of the following occurs at least twice or if both of the following have occurred:

(1) The individual has been convicted of a moving traffic offense, ~~(as defined in section 14(a) of this chapter)~~, other than an offense that solely involves motor vehicle equipment.

(2) The individual has been the operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident for which a report is required to be filed under IC 9-26-2.

The individual shall pay all applicable fees required by the bureau.

(c) The bureau may suspend the driving license of any person who:

(1) fails to attend a defensive driving school program; or

(2) fails to satisfactorily complete a defensive driving school program;

as required by this section.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 33-37-4-2, any court may suspend one-half (1/2) of each applicable court cost for which a person is liable due to a traffic violation if the person enrolls in and completes a defensive driving school or a similar school conducted by an agency of the state or local government.

SECTION 4. IC 9-30-3-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 14. ~~(a) As used in this section, "moving traffic offense" means a violation of a statute, an ordinance, or a rule relating to the operation or use of motor vehicles while the motor vehicle is in motion.~~

~~(b)~~ If a court convicts a person for a moving traffic offense and the person is known or believed by the court not to be the owner of the motor vehicle, the court shall, within seven (7) days after entering the conviction, deposit with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid, notice addressed to the owner of the motor vehicle giving the owner the following information:

(1) The name and address of the person convicted.

(2) The name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle.

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- 1 (3) The offense upon which the conviction was made.
- 2 (4) The date of arrest of the person convicted and the location of
- 3 the place of the offense.
- 4 (5) The license plate number of the motor vehicle.
- 5 (6) The operator's or chauffeur's license number of the person
- 6 convicted.
- 7 (7) The date of the conviction and the name of the court making
- 8 the conviction.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Insurance, to which was referred House Bill 1036, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 7 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 9-25-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]:

**Chapter 10. Previously Uninsured Motorist Registry**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "conviction" refers to a conviction for operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility in violation of IC 9-25.**

**Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "previously uninsured motorist" refers to a person:**

- (1) against whom a judgment is entered for; or
- (2) who is convicted of;

**operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility in violation of IC 9-25 after June 30, 2008.**

**Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "registry" refers to the electronic registry of previously uninsured motorist established under section 4 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 4. The bureau shall establish an electronic registry of previously uninsured motorists to facilitate the random and periodic verification by the bureau of compliance with IC 9-25.**

**Sec. 5. The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter. Rules adopted under this section must do the following:**

- (1) Establish the method of random selection of names of previously uninsured motorists from the registry.
- (2) Establish the methods by which the bureau may request evidence of financial responsibility from a previously uninsured motorist whose name was randomly selected from the registry.
- (3) Establish the methods by which a previously uninsured motorist may respond to the bureau's request for evidence of financial responsibility.
- (4) Establish a schedule for the entry, updating, and timely removal of names on or from the registry.

**Sec. 6. The failure by a previously uninsured motorist to respond to the bureau's request for verification of financial responsibility under this chapter constitutes prima facie evidence**

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of operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility in violation of IC 9-25.

**Sec. 7. (a) The bureau shall remove the name of a previously uninsured motorist from the registry not more than five (5) years after the date on which the conviction for which the motorist's name is maintained on the registry was entered against the motorist.**

**(b) If a previously uninsured motorist is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under IC 9-25, the bureau shall remove the motorist's name from the registry not more than five (5) years after the date on which the second or subsequent conviction is entered."**

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 4, delete lines 32 through 42.

Delete page 5.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1036 as introduced.)

FRY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

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